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In the claims

A statement of the status of claims follows:

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25. (previously presented) A steering system for a boat having an outboard motor with a jet drive output comprising:

a) a directional nozzle, pivotably mounted to said outboard motor such that said directional nozzle surrounds said jet drive output and extends backward therefrom;

b) a tiller handle attached to said outboard motor; and

c) a means for connecting said tiller handle to said directional nozzle

d) wherein said tiller handle includes:

i) a mounting arm, which is secured to the outboard motor and extends forward therefrom, said mounting arm having an upper bracket and a lower bracket;

ii) a steering control portion, having a handgrip and a steering arm, extending rearward therefrom, said steering arm having an upper bracket and a lower bracket;

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iii) a fastener means for pivotably connecting the upper bracket on said mounting arm to the upper bracket of said steering arm;

iv) a fastener means for pivotably connecting the lower bracket on said mounting arm to the lower bracket of said steering arm; and

v) a cable connector, attached to said steering arm.

26. (previously presented) The steering system of claim 25 wherein the tiller handle further comprises a means for controlling the speed of the outboard motor.

27. (previously presented) The steering system of claim 26 wherein the means for controlling the speed of the outboard motor includes:

a) a twisting hand grip;

b) a shaft attached to said twisting handgrip and extending backwards therefrom;

c) a universal joint attached to said shaft;

d) a second shaft attached to said universal joint and extending backwards therefrom; and

e) a means for connecting said second shaft to a throttle, in operable communication with said outboard motor.